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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, EAIR, BG

SUBJECT: JAL HIJACKING

1. AT 1430 HOURS LOCAL TIME, AIR VICE MAHMOOD BEGAN EFFORT TO PERSUADE HIJACKERS THAT PASSENGER HOSTAGES WERE NOT NECESSARY TO THEIR MISSION. HE REPEATEDLY ARGUED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL PILOTS ASSOCIATION WOULD NOT ACCEPT, UNDER "ANY CIRCUMSTANCE" A PREMEDITATED ATTACK ON A CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT PILOTED BY THEIR MEMBERS. MAHMOOD ASKED HIJACKERS TO CONSIDER THIS CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS IT WITH AIRCRAFT CREW SO THAT IF THEY AGREED, DISCUSSIONS COULD PROCEED.

2. AT 1500 HOURS, HIJACKERS NOTING "OUR PATIENCE HAS A LIMIT," SAID THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT ASSURANCE OF PILOTS ASSOCIATION THAT PRESENCE OF CREW ALONE IN THE AIRCRAFT WOULD GUARANTEE SAFETY OF THEIR MISSION. THE HIJACKERS' SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT IN 1973 ISRAELI FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN A CIVILIAN PASSENGER AIRCRAFT BELIEVING
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THAT REVOLUTIONARIES WERE ON BOARD. SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THEY COULD NOT BARGAIN WITH THE "IMPERIALIST JAPANESE REGIME." MAHMOOD URGED HIJACKERS TO CONSIDER SITUATION CAREFULLY AND ASSURED THEM OF A SOLUTION.

3. HIJACKERS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MAHMOOD'S

CONCERN AND COOPERATION BUT SAID HE "MUST STUDY MORE HISTORY ABOUT THE JAPANESE REGIME."

4. MAHMOOD AGAIN ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE HIJACKERS THAT PASSENGER HOSTAGES WERE UNNECESSARY. HIJACKERS REMAINED ADAMENT, NOTING THAT THEY HAD CARRIED OFF SUCCESSFUL OPERATION IN KUALA LUMPUR. THEY REJECTED MAHMOOD'S FURTHER PROPOSAL THAT AIRCRAFT COULD AVOID ROUTE TO ITS DESTINATION THAT WOULD SUBJECT IT TO POSSIBLE ISRAELI ATTACK; THEY HAD MADE THEIR PLANS AND WOULD CARRY THEM OUT.

5. LUNCHEON HAS JUST BEEN DELIVERED TO THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT.
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